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Date: Sun, 28 Aug 1994 21:08:42 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!agate!library.ucla.edu!csulb.edu!csus.edu!netcom.com!
tedtrost@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: 4 sale bussiness radios
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Micah Child (micah@solano.community.net) wrote:

: I have for sale 3 business band radios for sale.

: 1 uniden HT 5 watts withs rapic charger and battery pack. has multiple
: channels. I don't know what the frequency for it is thought it is either
: near the 2m band or around the 900mhz part of the spectrum.

: 2 mobile unit they either put out 5 or 30 watts and are made by Johnson
: same frequency as the HT.

I'm offering either \$1 or \$1000.

: Cash or money order please and I will meet almost anywhere in the
: San Francisco Bay area. preferably in Solano County.

That would be quite a drive from Boston for a couple of radios. This
group is distributed world-wide. Keep that in mind when posting.

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Ted Trost, N1RDQ * tedtrost@netcom.com * C-Serve:71175,1043

Date: Mon, 29 Aug 1994 11:00:48 GMT
From: gonix!pschleck@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Amateur Radio: Changes to Elmers Resource Directory
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Posted-By: auto-faq 3.2.1.2
Archive-name: radio/ham-radio/elmers/diff

(Note: This difference file is taken from the list body only.)

/bin/diff -c (last month's) (this month's)

*** /u/pschleck/faq/elmers/list.body.old Mon Aug 1 06:00:19 1994
--- /u/pschleck/faq/elmers/list.body.new Mon Aug 29 06:00:04 1994

*** 1,4 ***

! Amateur Radio Elmers Resource Directory (as of 08/01/94)

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! Amateur Radio Elmers Resource Directory (as of 08/29/94)

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- A -

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*** 518,523 ***

--- 518,525 ---

Bitnet: ATW1H@ASUACAD

FidoNet=> 1:114/15

Amateur Packet ax25: wb7tpy@wb7tpy.az.usa.na

+ Member, USAF MARS

+
ampr.org IP Coordinator for Arizona subnet (44.124.xxx.xxx)

Owner of the Land-Mobile-Radio Mailing List

*** 1008,1013 ***

--- 1010,1056 ----

{Telegraphy has been in my family for almost 100 years!}

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+ CWISTS Friday Night Fist Function

+ Standard time: Friday Nights at MIDNIGHT LOCAL TIME

+ Standard freq: 80 meters --- 3702.5 khz for all hands.
+ 40 meters --- 7102.5 khz alternate, for all hands
+ (between the heterodynes)
+ (someone scout out a better QRG)

+ Standard calling signal: CWIST IMI DE <yourcall> K (if there
+ are no control stations calling for
+ you to check in), or,
+ CWIST DE <yourcall> K (if there is a
+ control station inviting checkins)
+ (The alternative check in for those OTs
+ with salt behind the ears is a simple
+ DE to get the control station's ears
+ followed by DE <yourcall> K when the
+ control station acknowledges.)

+ Note: A simple informal net style protocol will generally be
+ used, unless no control station assumes control for the
+ evening, in which case it is an open roundtable format
+ discussion group.

+ Note: The midnight local time gathering is designed to maximize
+ the number of checkins spread out over the world, so less
+ confusion and more checkins are heard. The hope is that
+ someone will be aboard almost anywhere and be heard at
+ least locally, anywhere in the world.

+ Definition: A CWIST is a person with an active interest in the PRACTICE
+ and USE of continuous wave radiotelegraphy as directly is
+ applicable to amateur radio. Such PRACTICE and USE may
+ take the form of learning about radiotelegraphy and its
+ history in amateur/commercial areas, its application to radio
+ telecommunication, the practicing of the art and craft of

+ radiotelegraphy, and the refining and developing of the
+ technology of radiotelegraphy.
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*** 1617,1623 ***

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Internet Services (Finding FAQ's, using Usenet, FTP, telnet,
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--- 1660,1666 ----

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*** 1638,1644 ***

Maintainer of this list

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! to elmers-request@unomaha.edu.

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--- 1681,1687 ----

Maintainer of this list

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73, Paul W. Schleck, KD3FU

pschleck@gonix.com (personal mail)
elmers-request@gonix.com (Elmers List administrivia)

Date: Mon, 29 Aug 1994 04:50:00 GMT
From: netcomsv!netcom.com!herbr@decwrl.dec.com
Subject: Mods for Kenwood 79a?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Does anyone out there know if there are any mods available for the Kenwood 79a handheld? If so, where can they be obtained?

Thanks.

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herbr@netcom.com

Date: 29 Aug 1994 13:06:44 GMT
From: agate!howland.reston.ans.net!EU.net!Germany.EU.net!netmbx.de!zrz.TU-Berlin.DE!zib-berlin.de!news.th-darmstadt.de!terra.wiwi.uni-frankfurt.de!zeus.rbi.informatik.uni-frankfurt.de!news.dfn.de!
Subject: Need QSL database address (auto responder!)
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <33gqliq\$df3@panix.com>, ricky@panix.com (RICKY) writes:
|> Tom Skelton (Tom.Skelton@ClemsonSC.NCR.COM) wrote:
|> : I have lost (well, actually, my mail was destroyed by 2 incompetents but I'll
|> : leave it at that) the address for the automated QSL database in Europe. All
|> : you have to do is email the callsign of the station for which you need the
|> : manager, and you will receive an email back with the info. I have only used
|> : it a couple of times, but it is awesome. Both times I got an answer within 2
or
|> : 3
|> : hours.
|>
|> Just tried the QSL Server (from NYC area) and got a response back within 5
|> seconds....Faster than a speeding bullet....Faster than Packet
|> Cluster...Love it!
|>
|> 73 Rick K2J0Z
|>
or on WWW : <http://www.systemtechnik.tu-ilmenau.de/hamqsl.html>

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Date: 29 AUG 94 09:54:24
From: src.dec.com!crl.dec.com!nntpd.lkg.dec.com!minews.mro.dec.com!
fccvde.enet.dec.com!klimasewski@decwrl.dec.com
Subject: New Yaesu FT900, any reports
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Is this new rig available? Any user comments?

Ken

Date: Mon, 29 Aug 1994 15:00:19 GMT
From: psinntp!arrl.org!dnewkirk@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Origin of "Elmer"?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Terry A. Conboy (tconboy@uswnvg.com) wrote:
: I've been a ham since 1965, but it seems to me that the term "Elmer", as
: applied to someone who helps you get started in a ham radio endeavor has
: only been used during the last 5 years or so.

: Who started this "Elmer" stuff, anyway? Was I just hiding under a rock
: for the last 30 years?

: 73, Terry

The term *Elmer* (as a generic name for a ham who helps other
hams get started) was coined by Rod Newkirk, W9BRD, who served as
the conductor, from 1948 to 1978, of *QST*'s "How's DX?" column.
It all began with the "How's" lead on page 91 of March 1971 *QST*.

Regards,

David Newkirk, WJ1Z
Senior Assistant Technical Editor, *QST*

Date: Mon, 29 Aug 1994 13:07:30 +0000
From: agate!howland.reston.ans.net!gatech!udel!news.sprintlink.net!demon!
arkas.demon.co.uk!Michael@ames.arpa
Subject: Parkways (Re: Handies and NiMH accus?)
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <777982962.105snx@n2ayj.overleaf.com>

n2ayj@n2ayj.overleaf.com "Stan Olochwoszcz N2AYJ" writes:

> For reasons beyond my comprehension, driving on -parkways- does
> indeed seem to be a Northeastern thing. Others that spring to mind
> are the Merrit, Sprain, and the Saw Mill (River). When one says
> "The Parkway" in NY Metro however, it usually means the GSP.

We have some "parkways" back home in Canberra. Then again, the guy who won the design contest for the national capital was an American - Walter Burley-Griffin.

It gets confusing sometimes: there is a road called "Parkes Way" which will get you to the "Tuggeranong Parkway".

73's

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Mike Dower

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'Quoth the raven, "Never more".' ... Poe

Date: Sun, 28 Aug 94 17:34:53 -0500

From: noc.near.net!news2.near.net!news.delphi.com!usenet@uunet.uu.net

Subject: Route Z31ET

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Am looking for QSL info on Z31ET.

Macedonia. My Hamcall cd rom does not include Macedonia as yet.

Steve W09L.

Date: 29 Aug 94 20:12:16 GMT

From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu

Subject: Surge

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Question ? Do you turn off/on all systems at once.

At our local college as other places I am sure. The way to turn off your computer, printer, monitor and perhaps modem and what else .. Ok a typewriter etc.. Point being people are plugging all into a " surge type of box " which for the most part is nothing more than a mov at best in our location. More to the point. All equipment is turned on/off with one switch which is located on

the strip. I go back many years to the idea that we turn equipment on/off individually to prevent surges and spikes. I really do not think that it is a good idea to turn all gear on at once. Off perhaps does not hurt a thing..

Would be interested in comments on this..

73
WA2MZF

Date: 29 Aug 94 18:29:55 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: YAESU 736R
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Hello net.
I have a 736R (that I really like) that is having a problem.
The 6 meter side is having a heat problem.
If I turn the rig on and operate on 6 for about 10 minutes
the transmitt and recieve start dropping off.
I can go back to VHF or UHF for an hour or so and the 6 side
comes back to life.
My question for you is:
Have you or one of your friends had the similiar problem and
what did they do to fix the problem?
I guess the next question is where in the Southwest (EL Paso)
area is a repair center that works on Yaesu equipment.
Thanks
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demon!arkas.demon.co.uk!Michael@network.ucsd.edu
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <940812195311dema@astrax.hanse.de>, <330n6q\$oa8@hebron.connected.com>,
<CSLE87-220894094306@145.39.1.10>.demon.c

Reply-To : Michael@arkas.demon.co.uk
Subject : Re: Handies and NiMH accus?

In article <CSLE87-220894094306@145.39.1.10>
CSLE87@email.mot.com "Karl Beckman" writes:

> Actually NiMH packs DO have a practicality that most hams seem to overlook:
> NiCd cells are classed as hazardous waste because of the cadmium content.
> Therefore they cannot be disposed of by classical means such as putting
> them out with your residential trash. They can't even be transported by a
> licensed hauler in many states! In fact, if your local waste hauler
> inadvertently does accept them (even unknowingly) and they are discovered
> later in a landfill, he can be hit with an immediate automatic \$10,000
> fine, plus the entire cost of cleaning up the environmental mess they
> create. This information is not new, but I doubt that you will find it in
> the GE (they own the trademark on "NiCad") battery literature or that from
> other suppliers. Instead, ask them for the OSHA Material Safety Data Sheet
> (MSDS) to find out the gory details.

Interesting. How *do* GE suggest that we *safely* dispose of these NiCad
batteries then? Will they pick up the tab for sending (in a safe manner) the
dead batteries back to GE for safe disposal?

73's

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References <fkilpatr.777054926@afit.af.mil>,
<1994Aug17.131338.22641@ke4zv.atl.ga.us>,
<STEVE.94Aug26220851@susie.vigra.com>emon.co
Reply-To : Michael@arkas.demon.co.uk
Subject : Re: Ragchewing conversational protocol

In article <STEVE.94Aug26220851@susie.vigra.com>
steve@vigra.com "Steve Haehnichen" writes:

A few comments :)

[snip]

> I think I've narrowed it down to a couple of hangups, for me anyway:
>
> 1) You don't know anything about the person you are talking to. Even
> when you meet someone in a bar, you can look at them and tell if they
> are neat and businesslike, grungy, friendly and smily, sour, or
> what. Radio gives you none of that. You're just a voice, with no
> T-Shirt logo hints for favorite interests and such.
>
> I think that's why conversation always seems to revert to
> ham-radio. It's the only thing you know you have in common.

In my experience I found that the conversations *start* with ham radio, and occasionally some will branch out to further topics. One that comes to mind was a cw qso with a US op who was in the Marine Corp during WWII - his ship was moored in the Brisbane River (in vk4) for two days, but he wasn't allowed to disembark. That was all he ever saw of vk! Once he found out I was operating from Brisbane, the questions (& hence the conversation) came naturally. We spent ~45 mins or so all up with that qso.

> 2) It's half-duplex! This is hard to explain, but if you make some
> joke on the air, you have no idea if anyone even chuckled, or groaned.
> Telephone gives you this. Same for the "ack-grunts" that let you know
> the other person is still there and following along, and maybe agrees.
[other bits about conversational mechanics snipped]

Yes, it's a problem. In face-to-face communication there is language, tone, body posture, etc. - they all convey information. On radio, there is language, and mostly tone. One has to compensate accordingly, and be careful about how one phrases one's speech. On cw, packet, and here on the net, it's an order of magnitude worse - there's only written language.

> 3) There is too much "clubness" to local air chatter. It's just
> loaded thick with jargon and jive like QSL,
[snip]

Hence a point made in my previous post - I try not to use jargon in normal voice work on radio. However, if conditions are bad, then jargon (i.e. q codes, prosigns / prowords, etc.) are good because the other op knows what to expect. On cw, and here on the net, I make no excuses for abbreviations, etc. -sometimes I use them liberally!

> 4) There really are some folks out there that are much more interested
> in exercising the RF spectrum than having a stimulating
> conversation. They are always testing this or that feature, or
[snip]

One aspect of ham radio that seems increasingly to go down the gurgler these

days is the technical investigation aspect of the hobby. I might be exercising the rf spectrum because I'm doing propagation tests on an hf path, or trying out a new antenna design, etc., etc. It's one of the reasons I became a ham.

In my opinion, not all conversations on ham radio are exciting - to be honest, sometimes I just cannot wait to switch the radio off! (Obviously, it's time to do something else ... :-)) . On the other hand, some conversations are very memorable, and hence *one* of the reasons why radio is such a worthwhile pursuit.

73's

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'Quoth the raven, "Never more".' ... Poe

Date: 28 Aug 1994 21:30 CDT

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References <1994Aug28.011354.1@aspen.uml.edu>,

<9408281018591.DLITE.davesparks@delphi.com>, <1994Aug28.133608.1@aspen.uml.edu>

Subject : Re: You have been a ham too long...

In article <1994Aug28.133608.1@aspen.uml.edu>, martinja@aspen.uml.edu writes...

>In article <9408281018591.DLITE.davesparks@delphi.com>, davesparks@delphi.com

> (Dave Sparks) writes:

>

>>> Oh well, can't be a VE anymore... :(

>

>> Just out of curiosity, why not? Is that considered a "conflict of

>> interest", or something?

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>Well Dave, paragraph 97.515(b) says that anyone who owns a significant interest

>in [not me], or is an employee of [I seem to fit in here], any company or

>other entity that is engaged in the manufacture or distribution of equipment

>used in connection with amateur station transmissions [etc.]... is ineligible

>to be an administering VE.

>

>Now I know you are a good ham and have a current copy of Part 97 in your

>shack. Right Dave? Dave? Dave!

>

>73 de WK1V

> -jim-

>

>

I was practicing as a VE when I worked at Radio Shack years back before they sold ham hear ... just licensing manuals. I didn't thinka anything of it until someone brought it to my attention. Oh, well.

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Reply-To : Michael@arkas.demon.co.uk
Subject : Re: Ragchewing conversational protocol

Hi Luis,

In article <33ikog\$2mu@athos.cc.bellcore.com>
papo@briscas.gamekeeper.bellcore.com "25383-anaya" writes:

[snip]

> That's true, this also happens also when you are monitoring CW.
> All the times is just:
>
> CQCQ... DE XX#XXX
> XX#XXX DE YY#YYY
> FB FB FB UR RST IS ### MY NAME IS FOO FOO FOO
> MY QTH IS FOOVILLE FOOVILLE MY RIG IS FOOTRONICS 1000
> MY ATN IS DIPOLE ...weather.. etc. you get the picture.KN
>
> YY#YYY repeats the same thing as above
>
> And then TNX FER TRAFFIC 73 .. The end.
>
> Repeat the same until doomsday.

You forgot the "QRU OM" bit :) I've "talked" with many a "J-call" cw operator

who says this after the standard qso (template, I believe it's called). At least they don't beat about the bush. :)

[snip]

> Well, maybe because people do not know what to say. It is hard to sit down
> and talk, specially if you are introvert. Many of those loner and geeks
> are introverts, they might feel more comfortable doing CW, packet or
> RTTY than phone. Being in front of a mike can be sometimes intimidating.

Yes, I've seen this on many a JOTA weekend! That's something about kids - they adapt quickly.

[snip]

> |> "I could never figure out if one needed the personality hang-up first
> |> to get a licence, or if one got it after one was licenced." :)
>
> May I quote him.. :)

By all means! I've forgotten how many times I've quoted him. :)

[snip]

> |> support in order to keep our hobby in the 2000's) only see the wierdo's,
> i.e.
> |> the geeks and loners described above. A friend of mine once listed a basic
> set
>
> Well, geeks and loners (as described above) are usually technically inclined.

Agreed. I know many brilliant "geeks & loners". I know some that aren't, too. These are the ones that I think are seen more often a radio club "meet the people" days, etc.

[snip]

> usually Introvert
> operators are better "goal oriented" (i. e. Net Controllers, Emergency
> Communications, Packet, etc..) operator than Extrovert operators (non loner or
> geek)that are better "rag chewers" over phone. That's my perception.

Yes, I'd agree with that too.

> |> places, i.e. the world in which we live. Ham radio can be like death and
> |> taxes: it's a great leveller, as you cannot be prejudiced about the other op
> -
>
> Even with a weird accent over VHF phone? I'm honest with you that still
> scares the hell out of me.

CW is more of a leveller than phone.

OK, I've not had much experience of that over VHF - I think I'm about to, though. I have a very distinct Aussie accent. One thing I've discovered over here (in the UK) is that some people will not take me seriously because of it. Not all, or even the majority, but a significant minority. (Some of them, in business dealings, have discovered the fallacy of that approach - even to their detriment.) I also find it very hard to be understood by many of the general population here in the North-East. Sometimes I have to tread a very thin line between speaking clearly to be understood, and sounding like I'm annoyed at not being understood.

On the other hand, I've spoken with many operators on HF who speak english with what you call a "wierd" accent. I think that they're on up on me, because they're much more proficient at a second or third language than I am. Some are on HF phone just to improve their language skills.

What amazed me was the number of people for whom english was not their first language, but could speak passable english. (Especially those from the former Sov. bloc.) Compare that with the number of western world english-as-first-language speakers who can speak a second or third language. I think the ratio of former to latter is *very* high.

[snip]

> *sigh* It looks like I have to either joint to a club or shy away from VHF phone> for a while and do CW, I might have better luck.

[snip]

My advice (and that's all it is - just advice) is to keep practicing conversational english (at the club, on the radio, etc. - using it is the best way to improve language skills) *and* use cw (it's more fun)!

73's

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